

SPACE REQUIRED FOR HEALTH OFFICE

Rooms Needed for Conducting Work in New District Building.

PLANS OF DR. WOODWARD

Reply to Request of Commissioners for Expression of Needs in New Municipal Building to Be Erected on Power House Site for Local Government.

Health Officer Woodward yesterday submitted to the District Commissioners his estimate of the space that would be required in the new municipal building for the accommodation of the offices of the Health Department.

His communication is of some length and provides for the permit office, record room for death certificates, isolating rooms, and room for the disinfecting service on the ground floor; the Health Officer's rooms, the room for the chief clerk and the chief inspector, the rooms for the clerical force of the office, the rooms for inspectors, and the stock and file rooms on the floor next above; and over the permit office and the chemical and bacteriological laboratories on the top floor, but in the same section of the building as are the offices on the lower floors.

Dr. Woodward's communication is as follows:

Floor Space Needed.

"In obedience to your order of the 5th instant, I have the honor to submit the following statement of the floor space and other facilities that will be needed for the proper performance of the work of the Health Department in the proposed municipal building:

"The total floor space required by the Health Department will be 9,500 square feet divided into—

- "1—A permit office.
- "2—A record room for records of births, deaths, etc.
- "3—Isolating rooms.
- "4—A room for the disinfecting service.
- "5—Offices for the Health Officer.
- "6—A room for the chief clerk and the chief inspector.
- "7—A room for the accommodation of the clerical force of the office.
- "8—Inspectors' rooms.
- "9—A life room.
- "10—A stock room.
- "11—Rooms for the chemical and bacteriological laboratories.

"1. Permit office—The permit office should consist of a lobby for the accommodation of the public, containing 200 square feet, and an office room proper for the accommodation of clerks, containing 600 square feet. The lobby must be so located as to be accessible to the public either through the main corridors of the building or directly from the street, but the means of access should be arranged so that when the building is closed access to the lobby of the permit office should be cut off so as to allow entrance from the street only. There should be a convenient mode of access from the lobby to the office of the chief clerk (see paragraph 6), and also reasonably convenient access to the isolating rooms (see paragraph 3). The lobby should be well lighted and should provide simple and convenient accommodations for the convenience of the public.

"That part of the permit office reserved for the use of clerks should be separated from the lobby by a counter large enough to accommodate three clerks and should have other floor space sufficient to accommodate not less than three desks. It should communicate by a private way with the office of the chief clerk and the chief inspector (see paragraph 6) and be conveniently located with reference to the room provided for the records of deaths, etc. (see paragraph 2).

"2. Record room—A room containing 1,000 square feet for the records of deaths, births, etc., will be necessary, located preferably adjacent to the permit office. It should be practically fireproof, as the records which it is to contain cannot be replaced if destroyed. This room should be arranged so as to afford the public easy access when necessary.

The Isolating Rooms.

"3. Isolating rooms—Two isolating rooms, each containing 250 square feet, should be provided for the temporary detention of persons suffering from contagious diseases, should such persons present themselves at the Health Department. These rooms should be located so as to permit the removal of patients from other parts of the Health Department, and particularly from the permit office, to them and from them to ambulances without unnecessary exposure of the patient or danger to the public. Rooms rather larger than are necessary simply for the purpose of isolation have been provided so as to permit their use for public vaccination should occasion require.

"4. A room for the disinfecting service—One room containing 300 square feet should be set aside for the use of the employees in the disinfecting service and for the storage of disinfectants used by them. It should have easy access to the street and should be well ventilated.

"5. Offices for the Health Officer—One general office room containing 250 square feet and a private office containing 200 square feet should be provided for the accommodation of the Health Officer. The general office should have convenient access to the chief clerk and chief inspector's room (see paragraph 6). The private office should communicate directly with the main entrance.

Room for Chief Clerk.

"6. A room for the chief clerk and the chief inspector—One room containing 600 square feet should be provided for the use of the chief clerk and the chief inspector. This room must be large enough to provide for the general transaction of business between these officers and persons calling at the Health Department or routine business. It should communicate by a private way with the permit office (see paragraph 1). In it should be located a variety of moderate size for the protection of such property in the custody of the Health Department as may require such care. Communication with the Health Officer's room should preferably be through a lobby, containing 200 square feet, large

enough to accommodate the clerk acting as secretary to the Health Officer.

"7. A room for the accommodation of the clerical force of the office—A room containing 750 square feet, adjoining the office of the chief clerk and the chief inspector, should be provided for the accommodation of the general clerical force of the department.

"8. Inspectors' rooms—Two rooms, each containing 75 square feet and conveniently located with reference to the office of the chief clerk and the chief inspector, should be reserved for the accommodation of the sanitary inspectors, food inspectors, inspectors of live stock and dairy cattle, sewed inspectors, etc.

"9. A life room—One fireproof room containing 250 square feet should be provided for the preservation of the general record of the Health Department.

Stock Room.

"10. A stock room—A room containing 150 square feet should be provided for the storage of stationary and other supplies of the Health Department.

"11. Rooms for the chemical and bacteriological laboratories—Rooms containing 2,000 square feet should be provided for the chemical and bacteriological laboratories.

"The accommodations for the chemist should consist of a general laboratory containing 600 square feet, a private laboratory containing 200 square feet, and a room for balances and other instruments, containing 150 square feet. All of these rooms should communicate with one another. There should be a fireproof store room for chemicals, containing 150 square feet, and communicating with the general laboratory.

"A vault should be provided for the safe keeping of specimens undergoing analysis, with a view to criminal prosecution or reserved for evidence after prosecution have been brought.

"The bacteriological laboratory should consist of a general work room containing 500 square feet, a private laboratory, containing 200 square feet, and a store room, containing 150 square feet. The chemical and bacteriological laboratories should be located together. They should have, in addition to the rooms specified above, an office room, containing 150 square feet, for the joint use of the chemist and bacteriologist, in which they could consult with the public without affording the public access to the laboratories, apparatus, etc.

The Technical Books.

"For the accommodation of the technical books belonging to the Health Department, and for the joint use of the chemist and bacteriologist as a place in which to perform the clerical work incident to their offices, a room should be provided, containing 300 square feet, near the laboratories.

"All rooms used for laboratory purposes should be on the top floor of the building, and should have a northern light. They should, however, have as convenient access as possible to the other bureaus of the Health Department.

"It is suggested that the permit office, record room for death certificates, isolating rooms, and room for disinfecting service be located on the ground floor, that the Health Officer's rooms, the room for the chief clerk and the chief inspector, the rooms for the clerical force of the office, the rooms for inspectors, and the stock and file rooms be located on the floor next above, and that the chemical and bacteriological laboratories, etc., be located on the top floor, as above suggested, and be situated in the same section of the building as the offices on the lower floors.

SITE FOR THE NEW BUSINESS HIGH SCHOOL

enders to Be Solicited in Near Future, in Anticipation of Reassembling of School Board in September.

Advertisements for proposals for a site for the new Business High School, which was authorized in the recent appropriation bill, will be shortly prepared, so as to have the matter well in hand when the board of education reassembles in September. This action will be taken upon the approval by Commissioner Macfarland of a suggestion from Mr. Richard Kinsman, chairman of the committee on buildings, repairs, and sanitation, of the board of education, who submitted the following statement on the subject to the Commissioners yesterday:

"As the board of education will not convene until September 16, the committee on buildings, repairs, and sanitation suggest that the Commissioners advise for proposals for the purchase of a site for the Business High School to be centrally located and to contain not less than 100,000 feet of ground, such property to be submitted to the board of education when it reassembles for its recommendation in regard to the same."

ASKS \$300 FROM DISTRICT.

Mr. Smith Wants Damages for Injuries to Infant Son.

Through his attorney, Mr. Walter P. Pinsky, Mr. Humph Smith has filed a claim with the Commissioners of the District for \$300 damages for the injuries inflicted upon his infant son, July 9, in having his foot caught in a defective water trap on Twelfth Street.

The little fellow so seized his foot in the unpermitted trap as to necessitate the digging up of the trap and his being broken before the foot could be removed. Mr. W. H. Atkinson, who attended the child, found that one of the bones of the ankle had been fractured, and the child has been suffering ever since.

Mr. Pinsky's communication to the Commissioners was as follows:

"I write to inform you that on the 9th day of July the infant child of my client, Mr. Humph Smith, had his foot and ankle seriously injured by being caught in a defective water trap situated in the sidewalk on Twelfth Street, opposite the Raleigh Hotel.

"One of the bones in the ankle and foot of the little child, who is only 1 year old, was fractured or smashed out of place, the child suffering great pain, and has been, and still is, in great care and charge to his parents.

"My client claims, in consequence of said injuries he has suffered, considerable loss and damage, but as a compromise of this matter he is willing to accept the sum of \$300. Therefore I ask that you will give this case your careful consideration and advise my client the said sum of \$300, that litigation and unnecessary costs may be avoided."

MUNICIPAL BUILDING

Secretary Shaw and Commissioner Macfarland in Conference.

At an informal conference between Commissioner Macfarland and Secretary Shaw, on the return of the latter to his desk in the Treasury Department yesterday, the subject of expediting action upon the condemnation and purchase of the site for the new municipal building and plans for its erection, were discussed.

Commissioner Macfarland informed Secretary Shaw of the illness of Commissioner Ross which has prevented Mr. Ross from outlining his views, but expressed the hope that within a few days Mr. Ross might be able to make such an expression, even though he might not be able for some time to attend a meeting of the Commission.

Secretary Shaw expressed regret at the illness of Commissioner Ross and said that he would be willing to take up the matter with the Commissioners at any time. Mr. Macfarland suggested that it might be possible to hold a formal conference early next week. Commissioner Macfarland is expected on Tuesday, and if the views of Commissioner Ross could be secured by that time a meeting could be held with the Secretary of the Treasury on Wednesday.

Secretary Shaw expressed great interest in the District Building, and agreed that it ought to be built as quickly as possible, and, therefore, that the work on the preparation of the plans should be pressed as rapidly as practicable.

Mr. Charles F. McKim, of McKim, Mead & White, New York City, one of the two architects members of the Senate Park Commission, responded in person to Mr. Macfarland's request for an informal expression of his views, and they went to the suburbs at 10 o'clock, and spent some time in examining it from every point of view and in considering its possibilities.

Commissioner Macfarland will submit the suggestions of Mr. McKim to the President tomorrow when it meets. Mr. D. H. Burnham, of Chicago, chairman of the Senate Park Commission, is to submit his views in writing, not being able to come at this time.

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COMMISSIONERS CAN CONTROL STREET LAMPS

Contracts Allowable With Various Company, Says Mr. Duvall.

ABSOLUTE CONTROL OF APPARATUS

Can Purchase Lamps, Pay for Their Erection, and Contract for Maintaining Light at Figure Provided in Congressional Appropriation Bill.

The District Commissioners have received from Corporation Counsel Duvall a lengthy opinion in which he holds that the provision in the recent appropriation bill relating to the erection and maintenance of street lamps does not prevent the District from legally contracting with the various companies for the maintenance of street lamps at a cost of not more than \$20 a year, and that the District can purchase the lamps, pay for their erection, and, in addition, contract with the various companies to maintain these lamps at the figure designated.

The opinion was sought at the instance of Mr. Walter C. Allen, the electrical engineer, who desired an interpretation placed upon the item in the District appropriation bill. This item reads as follows:

"Licensing, for illuminating material, lighting, extinguishing, repairing, and (including) public lamps on avenues, streets, roads, and alleys; purchasing and expense of erecting and maintaining, lanterns, and fixtures; moving lamps; replacing and repairing lamps and lanterns damaged or unfit for service; for rent of streetcars, carts, or material, heavy and other necessary items and services, \$200,000."

"Provided, That no more than \$20 per annum for each street lamp shall be paid for gas and no more than \$20 for oil, lighting, extinguishing, repairing, painting, cleaning, purchasing, and expense of erecting and maintaining new lamps, street designations, lanterns, and fixtures, under any expenditure provided for in this act."

In passing judgment upon the question, Mr. Duvall, the counsel of the Commissioners, says:

"It appears that during the past fiscal year there were maintained 6,333 gas lamps at \$20 per lamp per annum, and 1,166 oil lamps at \$18 per lamp per annum. The District purchased and extra all the posts, lanterns, glass, street designations, stand pipes, connections to mains, etc. It also has paid for the cost of erecting the posts, including the necessary reworking of the street pavements. The Electrical Engineering Service to be informed."

"First—Whether, under the legislation in the current appropriation bill, the District can legally contract with the various companies to maintain light, extinguishing, repair, paint, and clean these 6,333 gas lamps and 1,166 oil lamps, the companies using the District's posts, lanterns, signs, etc., and receiving from the District no more than \$20 per lamp per annum thereby."

"Second—Whether for each lamp established the District can purchase the posts, lanterns, signs, fixtures, etc., pay for the erection of the posts and the reworking of the street, and in addition pay the companies not to exceed \$20 per annum for each new lamp established."

Differs in Phraseology.

"The above mentioned item for lighting in the current appropriation bill differs in the phraseology of its provision from that of the appropriation act for the last year in two respects; the pay for each oil lamp, lighting, etc., is changed to \$20, and the following words are added: 'Purchasing and expense of erecting and maintaining new lamps, street designations, lanterns, and fixtures.'"

"The additional words, it will be observed, relate exclusively to new lamps."

FIGHT OVER STATUS OF JUSTICES OF THE PEACE

Struggle Anticipated Before Case Is Settled

Question as to Constitutionality of Appointments to Be Determined.

Counsel interested in the settlement of the question of the legality of the appointment of the justices of the peace for the District are preparing for a long hard fight, and the proceedings promise to be more than ordinarily interesting.

The question of the constitutionality of the appointments grew out of the proceedings in ejectment by Mr. Henry A. Willard against Mr. Simon N. Meyer for the possession of premises 1411 Pennsylvania Avenue.

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WANT TO CLOSE DEAL.

Executors Have Offered Land for Garfield Hospital Extension.

Messrs. L. H. J. M. and G. A. Schneider, as executors, have written to the District Commissioners asking for information as to what steps they should take to close the deal for the sale of a site for the extension of the Garfield Hospital grounds.

They state that they submitted last January a proposal for the sale of certain property adjoining that occupied by the hospital, and that they understand that an item was inserted in the sundry civil bill appropriating \$50,000 to complete the purchase. Although they granted the option for only three months, they have received no further word concerning the matter, and are now desirous of knowing what action is necessary on their part to complete the deal.

Their letter is as follows:

"On January 30, through the request of Mr. Willard, one of the executive board of the Garfield Hospital, we submitted to Mr. J. O. Wilson, treasurer of the Garfield Hospital, bounded by Florida Avenue on the south, and Clifton Street on the north, containing about 67,000 square feet for the sum of \$50,000. This price was to hold good for three months.

"We notice that a bill was passed (with the appropriation for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1902, and for other purposes) for the purchase of this land. Will you kindly let us know what step we are to take to close the deal?"

MINOR MUNICIPAL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Commissioner Macfarland has approved the request of Secretary George B. Wilson, of the Board of Charities, that Miss Adeline Rochefort be appointed as inspector at \$2.30 per diem, vice Crutten Marriott, promoted to be an inspector on the annual rolls.

The form of advertisement for proposals covering the repairs to and changes in plumbing in the Amidon, Blair, Twining, Maury, Morse and Worley school buildings, as prepared by the inspector of plumbing, has received the approval of Commissioner Macfarland.

The District Commissioners have directed that hereafter the Health Officer of the District of Columbia shall be allowed to participate in the selection of designs for dog tags.

Mr. D. D. Thompson, of 1335 F Street northwest, has been informed that his request for permission to use hydrant cock closets in houses 422 and 432 Sixteenth Street southeast is denied for the reason that to grant the request would be in violation of the specifications filed for the plumbing in these houses and also contrary to the plumbing regulations.

The permit issued to Dr. Wilbur E. Evans to locate a showcase at the Pennsylvania Avenue entrance to 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue has been revoked, and in its place a permit has been issued to place the showcase on the Twelfth Street front.

Acting upon the complaint of D. P. Brown and the subsequent inspection of the Inspector of Plumbing, the District Commissioners have informed Mr. Washington Naylor that certain changes must be made in the drainage of the rear yard to house 314 Ford's Court northwest.

Assessor H. H. Darnelle has recommended that the necessary steps be taken for the appointment of Frederick Alvey as a surveyor public in the District of Columbia, as the appointment is urgently required for the convenience of the office of the Assessor of the District.

The application of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for a permit to attach cable and terminal boxes to the rear of building in alley of square 225, and to place overhead cable and boxes over the sidewalk on the south side of G Street, between Sixth and Seventh Streets northwest, has been acted upon favorably by the District Commissioners. The work was found necessary to give an underground telephone connection to adjoining buildings.

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